



BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Dear Provider,

This message is in follow-up to the April 30, 2010 e-mail that Bright from the Start sent you regarding HB 1055. Please note that the Governor has signed into law HB 1055 which was recently passed by the Georgia legislature.

This legislation requires annual license fees for child care learning centers, group day care homes and family day care homes.

Bright from the Start will begin collecting the annual license fee for the 2011 calendar year on November 1, 2010. Payment of the annual license fee will be due by December 31, 2010.

Please note that HB 1055 authorizes Bright from the Start to “impose a late fee of up to \$250.00 for failure of an early care and education program to pay the annual fee for licensure, registration, or commission within 30 days of due date as established by the department.”

The annual license fees are as follows:

<u>Facility Capacity</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
Less than 25 Children	\$ 50
25 to 50 Children	\$100
51 to 100 Children	\$150
101 to 200 Children	\$200
More than 200 Children	\$250

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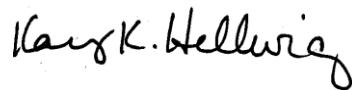
Bright from the Start is developing a process to receive payments for the annual license fees. The payment system will be in place by November 1, 2010. The preferred method of payment will be on-line via credit card or e-check for renewals and new applications. Child care providers will also be able to send in a cashier's check or money order to Bright from the Start for payment of the annual license fee.

You may view HB 1055 by accessing (via copy/paste) the following link
http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/pdf/hb1055.pdf

Please see Sections 1-45 through 1-46.1 of the bill.

In the interim, if you have any questions, please send these via e-mail to childcareservices@dec.al.ga.gov. Bright from the Start will update providers in the coming months with additional information via e-mail and postings to our website located at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov> on the annual license fees and the payment system as this process is finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay K. Hellwig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Hellwig
Assistant Commissioner for Child Care Services